# **Acuity**Brands

# **Acuity Brands Opposes S 2417 and HR 5133 for Sensors**

#### **Overview**

- The Miscellaneous Tariff Bill suspends U.S. tariffs for imports into the U.S. manufacturing
  process that are not produced in the United States; duty suspensions proposed in the bill are
  subject to a nonpartisan vetting process to ensure that no domestic producers of the affected
  products exist.
- S2417 and HR 5133 provides a temporary suspension for switches designed for lighting control, activated by dual passive infrared sensors that detect the presence of any occupant of the coverage area, with lens masking for adjusting the field of view of the sensors (PIR sensors)
- Each individual MTB bill must cover a product where there is no domestic production or domestic opposition, cost the U.S. Treasury under \$500,000 per year, and be administrable by Customs and Border Protection upon entry of the merchandise.

## Sensor Switch® An Acuity Brands Company

- Sensor Switch is an Acuity Brands company. Acuity Brands is a US corporation based in Atlanta, GA and manufactures energy efficient lighting and lighting controls. Acuity employs approximately 6,000 associates worldwide with net sales over \$2 billion. We operate US facilities in Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, California, Texas, Connecticut, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Minnesota, New York, Virginia and Colorado. We employ sales staff in all 50 states.
- Sensor Switch is a leading manufacturer in occupancy sensors for lighting control. Sensor
  Switch engineers and manufactures 100% of our PIR sensors domestically in Wallingford, CT.
  In addition, technical support and customer service are provided at this Wallingford facility.
  Significant and deliberate design time has been spent developing products that can be
  domestically manufactured while still being cost competitive in the market. Moreover, the
  Wallingford manufacturing facility maintains quality and efficiency that outpaces foreign
  production facilities for this type of product.
- Sensor Switch PIR sensors provide continuous coverage patterns for small motion detection, and its Passive Dual Technology (PIR / Microphonics™) can literally see and hear into areas with obstructions providing improved performance over standard passive infrared sensors. Our PIR sensors provide a quality that equals and exceeds imported products.
- Sensor Switch is one of the top 4 manufacturers of PIR sensors. These 4 manufacturers represent nearly 90% of the market for PIR sensors.
- For more information on Sensor Switch, visit <u>www.sensorswitch.com</u>. For more detailed information on Sensor Switch PIR sensors, visit <u>http://www.sensorswitch.com/OnlineCatalog.aspx</u>. All sensor products listed on this site are PIR sensors.

## Implications of S 2417 and HR 5133

- The suspension of tariffs on PIR sensors will create an unfair international burden on Sensor Switch and Acuity Brands for the manufacture of PIR sensors.
- If the tariff suspension is passed, it will have a negative impact on Sensor Switch and the creation and retention of jobs in our US facilities.
- Based upon our review of previous ITC memorandum and market data on this issue, we believe
  the value of imported PIR sensors is much higher than estimated, which will result in lost tariff duty
  in excess of \$500,000 annually.